

FRANKFORT.

The Race for Governor as It is Viewed by Our Special Correspondent.

Capt. Percival Haley Is Not a Candidate For the Wardenship.

The Insurance Companies Contemplate Withdrawal of Agents.

SOCIAL HAPPENINGS OF THE WEEK

[Special Correspondence to the Kentucky Irish American.]

FRANKFORT, Ky., Feb. 4, 1899.

Everything has been very quiet in political, business and social circles in the Capital City during the past week. Perhaps it is only the quiet that precedes the storm or the attention of politicians for the time being has been drawn to the dauntless young Senator from Kenton, who last week opened the campaign for Governor of Kentucky at Lebanon. The withdrawal of John Young Brown narrows the contestants down to Goebel, Hardin and Stone, and from now until the State convention meets the political pot will boil and Kentucky will have politics galore. The indications are that Senator Goebel is steadily gaining strength every day, and unless something unforeseen happens to prevent he will easily secure the nomination and eventually become Governor of the grand old Commonwealth of Kentucky.

The grand mask hop to be given by Division No. 1, Ancient Order of Hibernians, next Wednesday evening promises to be the grandest affair of the season. Quite a number of tickets have been sold already and over 300 invitations sent out in Frankfort and all over the State. A large crowd is anticipated and will be well taken care of by the Entertainment Committee. An orchestra of five pieces has been engaged and fine music is guaranteed.

The last of the series of euchres was given by Young Men's Institute, No. 161, last Wednesday evening. Quite a large crowd was present and spent a most enjoyable evening. An elegant lunch was served at 11 o'clock, after which dancing was indulged in until 12:30 o'clock.

The sacred concert to be given at the Catholic church next Thursday evening, February 9, will be one of the finest musical events witnessed in Frankfort in many days. The Church of the Good Shepherd choir will be augmented by several celebrities from Louisville and Cincinnati under the personal direction of Prof. W. L. Graham. This choir is considered the finest, with one exception (the Mother of God's church, Covington) in the Covington diocese, and all who do not attend will miss a rare treat. The low price of admission, twenty-five cents, should guarantee a packed house. The concert is for the purpose of raising funds to pay for the handsome new organ recently purchased.

Miss Lucille Tobin is visiting Miss McNamara in Lexington.

Miss Mamie Roche, who has been the bright and attractive guest of her aunt, Mrs. M. A. Collins, has returned to her home at Paris, to the regret of her many friends.

Mr. Henry P. Harrod and Miss Rebecca Hannon were married Wednesday afternoon by the Rev. Father Major. The bride is the beautiful and accomplished daughter of "Squire Lawrence Hannon, and the groom is a well-known farmer of the county.

The citizens of Frankfort promise to shortly find themselves without protection from fire, as all the eighty-seven insurance companies doing business in this city have decided to withdraw from Frankfort because the Circuit Court, now in session, fined each company \$250 for forming a trust. An effort will be made to organize a home insurance company at once.

The euchre that was to have been given by Division No. 1, Ancient Order of Hibernians, last Wednesday, owing to the inclemency of the weather, was postponed until after Lent.

Two new members were initiated and seven proposed for membership at the meeting of the Ancient Order of Hibernians last Tuesday night.

Messrs. C. B. Downey and William Lewis are considered two of the finest dancers in the city. They attend from two to three dances a week.

An effort will be made next week to organize a ladies' auxiliary to the Ancient Order of Hibernians. Fully thirty-five have signified their intention of joining.

The Rev. Father J. J. Fitzgerald, of Shelbyville, has kindly consented to deliver the St. Patrick's day lecture in this city under the auspices of the Ancient Order of Hibernians. Among the other visiting clergy will be Rev. E. T. Donnelly, of Georgetown; Rev. J. J. O'Neill, of Lexington; Rev. Thomas Jones, of Cynthia, and Rev. Father McFarland, of Pewee Valley. On the night of the 17th inst. an elegant banquet will be given at the A. O. H. Hall to the visiting clergy and invited guests.

Capt. Percival Haley, the well-known young politician of this city, states that he is not a candidate for the Deputy Wardenship, notwithstanding all reports to the contrary. Capt. Haley is an ardent supporter of Senator Goebel and predicts his nomination and election.

Several visitors are expected in Frankfort on the 8th to attend the Ancient Order of Hibernians' mask hop.

Prof. McHenry Rhoads, Superintendent of the Frankfort public schools, is prominently mentioned as a candidate for State Superintendent of Public Instruction, but at present writing he has

not consented to enter the race. A better man for the place could not be found in the whole State. D. J. M.

ASSIGNMENT.

Falls City Laundry Company Could Not Stand High License.

We notice with regret that J. A. Riley and P. F. Filburn, who for the past two years have conducted the Falls City laundry, at Ninth and Jefferson streets, were compelled to file a deed of assignment in Conny Clerk's office, in which Capt. John H. Weller was named as assignee.

The assignment is mainly due to the high license imposed upon laundries, which is so exorbitant as to prevent the operation of anything but a very large establishment. The assets and liabilities were each only about \$1,000. Their friends would have been pleased to have seen them succeed.

RECENT DEATHS.

Mr. and Mrs. John Lyons have the sympathy of a large circle of friends and acquaintances in the death of their little daughter Margaret, which occurred Wednesday morning. Her funeral took place Thursday afternoon.

Mrs. Sarah Welsh, mother of Richard A. Welsh, of 1241 Fifteenth street, died at Millsboro, Wednesday. Here remains were brought to this city, where she formerly resided, and the funeral took place from the Sacred Heart Church yesterday morning.

The funeral of Anthony Gill, a highly respected old resident of Jeffersonville, occurred Wednesday morning, the services being conducted at St. Augustine's church. The deceased was seventy-six years old, and his death resulted from an attack of pneumonia. He was for many years employed at the Car Works in that city, and enjoyed the friendship and esteem of his fellow-workmen.

The many friends of Mr. Albert C. Tafel, one of Louisville's most popular and respected German citizens, were shocked to learn of his death in Florida. For years he had been in business on Third street in this city, being a member of the Tafel Surgical Instrument Company. He leaves a wife and one child. His remains were brought home for interment. Mr. Tafel was a liberal minded man and very charitable, and many can testify to his good deeds.

With regret we announce the death of Officer Frank Degnan, who for a number of years was one of the most popular members of the Louisville police force. His funeral took place Tuesday morning from St. Patrick's Church, and the remains were followed to the cemetery by a large number of surrounding friends. Officer Degnan had been suffering for some months with consumption, and his death was not unexpected. He was in the prime of life, being thirty-six years of age. His family and relatives have the sympathy of a large circle of acquaintances.

With deep regret we announce the death of James R. Watson, one of our oldest and most highly respected citizens, which occurred last Sunday morning at his residence, Seventeenth and Broadway. He had just recovered from an attack of grip, and his sudden death was a shock to his host of friends throughout the State. Mr. Watson was a native of Frankfort, but removed to Louisville thirty years ago, and has ever since been actively engaged in the printing business. He has always been a member of the Typographical Union, and was beloved by his fellow workmen. The deceased is survived by his wife and eight grown children, who have the sympathy of the community in their sad bereavement. The funeral took place Tuesday afternoon from the family residence, and the remains were interred in Cave Hill. Peace be to his ashes.

The death that excited genuine sorrow was that of John J. Slattery, Jr., which occurred Thursday morning at his home, Twenty-fourth and Rowan streets. He had long been ill of consumption and for the past month had been confined to his bed. He is survived by a wife and two children, who have the sympathy of the community in their affliction. Mr. Slattery was a young man of many exemplary traits of mind and heart, and if disease had not laid its blighting hand upon him in his young manhood he would have achieved substantial business success. He was particularly happy in his home life, and was devoted to his wife and little ones. He was the son of the President of the Todd-Donigan Iron Company, and was but thirty-one years of age. Will and Emmet Slattery are his brothers and Miss Mary Slattery is his sister. The large attendance at his funeral attested to his great popularity with all classes of our citizens.

CHILDREN IN ENGLISH MILLS.

One of the first things that strikes a stranger upon going into a Lancashire mill, says the London Daily News, is the smallness of the children. Many of the youngsters, from whose height, weight and size you would judge to be about eight or nine years old, will surprise you by telling you that they are eleven or twelve, if they do not astound you by giving their age as thirteen, fourteen or fifteen. Over and over again it seemed to me that the tiny "tenters" with whom I spoke must be far short of the compulsory minimum age of eleven. And over and over again it turned out that their age was thirteen. There is no mistaking the serious effects physically of this premature mill-life upon these little girls and boys. Their pasty faces, their dull eyes, their contracted chests, their bow-legs, their dwarfed stature, all tell the same tale.

Call at the Kentucky Irish American office and look at the crayon portraits.

HIBERNIANS.

What They Have Been Doing the Past Week—General News Notes.

Send in your coupon ballots. Hibernian Hall will present a gay scene on the evening of St. Patrick's day.

Division 13, of Pittston, Pa., recently gave a banquet to Capt. Joseph Greene and his company.

The Hibernian Knights will in the near future announce where their annual outing will be held.

Those who desire to know what is going on in Irish-American circles should subscribe for this paper.

The installation of the newly elected officers of the Ladies' Auxiliary will occur at the next meeting.

The County Board is a representative body of men, and anything undertaken by it is assured of success.

The fourth annual ball of the Ladies' Auxiliary of Minneapolis last Thursday night was a pronounced success.

Arrangements are being made whereby the property of the different divisions will be cared for in Hibernian Hall.

The committee to whom was referred the matter of the silver jubilee celebration of Division 1 will report this month.

At the last meeting of the newly-instituted Ladies' Auxiliary at Pascoag, R. I., sixteen new names were added to the roll of membership.

The members of Division 1, of Jeffersonville, have lines out for Frank Kennedy, of Indiana avenue, whom they wish to make a member.

The Jeffersonville Hibernians will march in a body to St. Augustine's church on the evening of March 17 to hear Rev. Father Rock lecture on St. Patrick.

President Reilly, of Jeffersonville, has secured enough names to procure a charter for the Ladies' Auxiliary, which will be instituted between now and St. Patrick's day.

The Hall Board has labored zealously and its members deserve the praise bestowed upon them. Wisdom was displayed by the divisions in re-electing their old representatives.

Division 3 had a fairly attended meeting Wednesday evening, at which George J. Butler, the popular West End grocer, was elected Treasurer. A better selection could not have been made.

A meeting of the County Board has been called for this evening, and the officers are all urged to be present, as matters of vital importance will come before the board for immediate action.

The Hibernians of Minneapolis are giving receptions and balls in regular order. Division 4 of that city will endeavor to make their ball next Thursday night the most enjoyable one of the season.

The Irish Historical Society has been incorporated at Baltimore by Dennis J. Scully, Thomas J. Creaghen, Frank J. Meera, Patrick J. Finnessey and William J. Kennedy for historical purposes. No capital stock.

This year the Hibernians will celebrate their twenty-fifth anniversary. Efforts will be made to eclipse anything heretofore undertaken by the order in Kentucky. The preliminaries are in the hands of a strong committee.

The Hibernians, of Worcester, Mass., are preparing for the observance of St. Patrick's day. The arrangements are in the hands of a committee which organized temporarily with Timothy Warren, as chairman, and James P. Coffey as Secretary.

Miss Nellie McAuliffe, of Negannee, Mich., President of the Ladies' Auxiliary, was recently presented a writing-desk and bookcase by the members, in recognition of the faithful manner in which she has looked after the interests of the society.

The Hibernians of Hancock, Mich., will celebrate St. Patrick's day in an appropriate manner. Rev. J. J. Corley will deliver a sermon in St. Patrick's church, and Hon. John F. Finerty, of Chicago, will be the speaker at the evening's entertainment.

Messrs. Redmond Stanton, Barney Coll and John Kenney, of Jeffersonville, extended an invitation to Rev. Father Rock, of this city, to deliver a lecture for Division 1, which the reverend gentleman has consented to do. A better selection could not have been made.

The united Irish societies of Hudson county, N. J., are arranging for a public demonstration some time this month to discuss the Anglo-American alliance. Secretary Larkin has received a number of letters from Irish societies in different parts of the United States, which will be read.

Division 28 of Revere, Mass., tendered a reception in its hall to its members who fought in the late war. Sergeant Reardon was given a gold watch, chain and charm. The presentation speech was made by John F. Breslin, of Boston. There was a musical and literary entertainment following the banquet, interspersed with speeches.

The nineteenth annual concert and ball of Division 9, Ancient Order of Hibernians, of Boston, in the rooms of the Catholic Union, was attended by about 300 persons, among whom were the Presidents of many divisions in Suffolk county. The guests included Rev. Philip F. Sexton, Col. Charles McCarthy, John Dolan and Daniel Donovan, of the Suffolk County Board.

For the first time in several years the Irish societies of Western Pennsylvania will parade upon St. Patrick's day as one body. This decision was reached by a meeting of the representatives of the various divisions of the reorganized Irish societies of Western Pennsylvania held in Pittsburgh. The parade this year will eclipse any similar demonstration ever held in that city. It has been decided to extend invitations to the Irish of

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ette, Beaver and Greene counties to attend as organizations.

Fully 1,000 persons participated in the twenty-fifth anniversary exercises of Division 6, in Broadway Hall, Boston. The banquet hall was a mass of bunting, American and Irish flags being much in evidence. President Fitzgerald made the address of welcome. Father Cummins, State Chaplain, made a speech encouraging the order. A feature of the exercises was the presentation to the division of an Irish pike that did service in '88, by Rev. Dennis O'Callaghan, who gave a short address on the aims and object of the Ancient Order of Hibernians.

The Hibernians, of Lynn, Mass., held a mass meeting in Clapp's Hall, at which Hon. Edward J. Slattery, the State President, and other distinguished Ancient Order Hibernian men were present. The divisions, headed by a drum corps, marched to the depot, where Mr. Slattery was received. At the hall James Ryan officiated as presiding officer. Mr. Slattery made an address on Hibernian work, as the object of his visit to make a general inspection of the divisions. Thomas McGourty, of Worcester, the State Secretary, spoke on the Hibernian Sick and Benefit Association. The meeting was unanimous in condemning Justin McCarthy for trying to form an alliance between the United States and Great Britain.



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